



Docket No.: 1955

Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled:

STANDALONE MP3 RECORDING STATION

December 29, 2000

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Box Patent Application** Washington, D.C. 20231

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